## **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1. (Canceled)
- 2. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 18 1, wherein, when said user (10) parks a said vehicle at a location within a geographical area covered by the virtual time pay and display service, he keys in on a telephone terminal (14) a pre-set telephone server (15) access number, he authenticates himself with this server (15) by giving a coded ID corresponding to the optical code, he keys in the secret code, he indicates the prospective parking end time, and he validates his instruction.
- 3. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 2, wherein the user programs another parking end time by accessing the telephone server (15), by keying in its pre-set access number.
- 4. (Original) A process according to claim 2, wherein the user requests, by mail, certification of his payment.
- 5. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 18 1, wherein the optical code is a bar code.
- 6. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 18 1, wherein the user receives an ID in the form of a voucher (20) in two parts, the first (21) forming the sticker, the second (22) containing the secret code.
- 7. (Original) A process according to claim 6, wherein the sticker is a self-adhesive sticker.
- 8. (Original) A process according to claim 4, wherein the sticker is made of a material such that the user can insert it into a transparent pocket fixed on the windscreen of a said vehicle.

- 9. (Original) A process according to claim 6, wherein the secret code is a secret scratch code on the second part of the voucher.
- 10. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 18 1, wherein the an official responsible for verifying the correct payment of the parking charges uses an optical reader to read the optical code applied on the windscreen of a vehicle, and wherein this reading is transmitted by means of a mobile telephone to the telephone server which verifies the payment of the parking charge for the ID concerned.
- 11. (Original) A process according to claim 10, wherein a signal emitted by the mobile telephone warns the official in the event of invalid parking.
- 12. (Original) A process according to claim 11, wherein the signal emitted is an optical signal or a sound signal.
- 13. (Currently Amended) A voucher for the payment of parking charges, 5 characterised in that it includes the voucher comprising two parts, the first (21) part forming a sticker comprising an optical code, and the second part (22) containing a secret code.
- 14. (Currently Amended) A voucher according to claim 13, wherein the 10 optical code is a bar code.
- 15. (Original) A voucher according to claim 13, wherein the sticker is a self-adhesive sticker.
- 16. (Original) A voucher according to claim 13, wherein the sticker is made of a material such that it may be inserted into a transparent pocket fixed on the windscreen of a vehicle.
- 17. (Original) A voucher according to claim 13, wherein the secret code is a secret scratch code.

18. (New) A process for a user of at least one vehicle to manage the payment of parking charges for the at least one vehicle in a given geographical area, the process comprising:

the user going to an approved point;

at the approved point the user subscribing to a virtual pay and display service; said subscribing step comprising the user completing a subscription form, the user providing particulars of the user's bank account on the subscription form, and the user receiving an ID;

wherein said ID comprises a sticker comprising a portion having an optical code and a portion having a secret code; and,

thereafter the user affixing the portion of the ID having an optical code to the windscreen of said at least one vehicle.